

REMARKS

In the Official Action indicating allowability of claims, it was noted that numbers 14C and 92 were apparently not set forth in the specification. Their omission constituted typographical errors as noted in an earlier amendment requesting entry of a correction. Specifically, paragraphs 22 and 24 of the application were amended to correct the omission and typographical error relating to the numeration. A copy is enclosed.


Formal drawings are also enclosed herewith. Acceptance of the amendments and formal drawings is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re U.S. Patent Application of Redzisz)
Application No. 10/786,814) Group Art Unit: 3727
Filed: February 25, 2004) Examiner: Weaver
For: Dual Compartment Tool Bag) Confirmation No. 5136

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 2, 2006

MS: Amendment
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of May 2, 2006. The Action was a non-final Action.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth beginning at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth beginning at page 3.

Remarks are set forth beginning at page 4.

It is noted that the drawing is informal. Replacement drawings will be tendered upon indication of allowability of claims.

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 22 with the following amended paragraph:

In practice, the pattern forming for the end panels 12 and 14 and side panels 16, 18, as well as mid panel 20 (i.e. layers 21, 23) is depicted in Fig. 6 wherein seam line 24 is indicated by edges 24A, 25A, 25B and 24B associated respectively with panel parts 14A, 22B and 14B. Side panel 18 is then sewn to panel sections 12A, 14A along seam line edges 12C/18C and ~~14B~~14C/18B. The mid panel 20 may be a separate panel piece or integral with sides 12 and 14 as depicted in Figure 6.

Please replace paragraph 24 with the following amended paragraph:

The mid-panel 20 may be connectable to the bottom panel 10 and the end panels 12 and 14 respectively by releasable fasteners (e.g., 90, ~~92~~ 92 in Figure 4) and more particularly by a loop type fastener such as known by the trade name Velcro. In this manner, the mid-panel 20 may be disengaged to from the bottom wall panel 10, and the first and third end walls 12 and 14 to provide access to a connected set of compartments 40 and 42 defining a single compartment. Thus, the separate compartments 40 and 42 will be joined together to form a single compartment. Alternatively, the mid-panel 20 could be sewn in place as described previously to provide first and second separate compartments 40 and 42 for the bag.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A two compartment bag comprising, in combination:

a generally flat, rectangular bottom panel with connected side edges;

first, second, third, and fourth adjacent, flexible material, side wall panels extending from and affixed seriatim to the side edges of the bottom panel to form an enclosure with an open top, said first and third wall panels affixed to side edges of said bottom panel and connecting said second and fourth side wall panels, said open top including having first and second separate, parallel, top closures, said second side wall panel generally parallel to and spaced from the fourth side wall panel, said first and second separate top closures parallel to the second and fourth opposed, side wall panels; a connecting top panel segment comprised of an extension between of the first and third side wall panels joining the first and third opposed side wall panels, said first and third side wall panels forming the opposite ends of said ~~parallel top~~ first and second top closures, and

an internal panel generally parallel to the second and fourth side wall panels and extending from the connecting top panel segment to the inside of the first and third side wall panels and also to the bottom panel to form two separate internal sections of the bag enclosure, said internal panel comprised of a continuous flexible material extension of the top panel segment; said second and fourth panels, connected respectively by fastener mechanisms to the connecting, top panel segment to form said first and second closures.

2. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim 1 wherein the internal panel is attached to the bottom panel ~~wall~~ by releasable fastening devices.

3. (Original) The bag of claim 1 including a shoulder strap having opposite ends with fabric loops, a carabineer attached to each loop, and two fabric loops attached to the connecting segment, said carabineers attached to the fabric loops.

4. (Cancelled)

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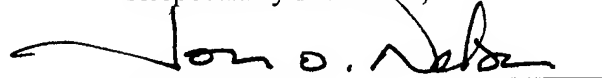
Objections were raised to the specification and in particular, to the failure to properly include the numbers "92" and "14C". It is noted that the prior response to an Official Action correctly identified Applicant's intent with respect to inclusion of the noted numbers. The Amendment to the Specification, however, was not in conformance with the Remarks. The specification has now been amended as set forth herein correcting the reference to the number "14C" in paragraph 22 and "92" in paragraph 24. It is believed, therefore, that the objection to the specification is obviated. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The antecedent basis in lines 13 and 14 as well as lines 17 and 18 is now believed to be appropriately included in the text of claim 1. A correction has also been made to claim 2 to substitute the word "panel" for the word "wall", thus obviating the objection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 112. Therefore it is believed that claims 1-3 are in condition for allowance and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. Claim 4 has been withdrawn or cancelled. Thus, the objections to claim 4 are believed moot.

In view of the foregoing therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and passage thereof to allowance.

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